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HAWAIIAN POLITICS.

[FROM THE DAILY P. C. A.]

A WRITER in the Hawaiian Monthly, whose contribution is entitled "Wanted-A Party," tells us that "up to the present time and even now political parties in the sense which attaches to that term elsewhere, have bly evident. statement of the position of affairs in this community. For our own part ical parties here. They may neither of them have that peculiar "machine" organization which has been developed amongst our American neighbors but they are quite as fully organized as any political parties that are to be found in England, France, British can be pointed to as truly living under We are not at all anxious to see America political methods introduced here just when they are falling into great discredit in the country of their nativity. In a country like the United States, with its population spread over an enormous territory, infinitely larger than any that was ever governed on republican principles before, the "machine," as it is now disparagingly called, has had its uses and probably cannot be dispensed with for a long time to come. It has grown corrupt, and become a burden to the community through the inherent defects of the Constitution of the United States in its minor details and not because it was not a skilfully and honestly devised political method in its inception. But though it will probably be retained usefully for at least another generation in the United Sates in a purged and sounder condition, it is wholly unadapted to a narrow field like this. Its evils would here become rampant whilst its benefits can be equally well attained with-

The writer in the Hawaiian Monthly has made a mistake, but it appears to us to be quite an excusable one. Any one who takes the newspaper writing in our local papers of the last four years as his sole guide in an investigation of Hawaiian politics must needs come to the conclusion that they are wholly of a personal character; that they deal with men, not measuresto reverse an old political motto. But though a vast amount of personal pecially by the opposition press and though neither party has been very ready to speak out about its actual principles, it is an unmistakeable fact and that their proper designations are the "Hawaiian" and the "Foreign" parties. The Foreign party is ciple with all of them. They claim party and the other a native party. If

for the white foreigner (in which term we include the white descendants of foreigners born in the country) a paramount position in the Government. This is the bond of union which keeps these heterogeneous elements together. The other party is more compact. It would include the whole native race if personal enmity to, or at least objection to, the King did not cause a certain number of Hawaiians to stand aloof from it. Its binding principle is "Hawaii for the Hawaiians." If there were ever any doubt as to this the course of events during the electioneering campaign, now so near its close, has made it unmistaka-

not existed here." Though admitting For ourselves we are thoroughly that there are many things well said dissatisfied with the fundamental and worthy of careful consideration principles of both parties. This counby all thinking men in the article in try is neither for the Hawaiian nor question, we are convinced that the for the foreigner, but for both. We writer has started his argument from | want to see a third party grow up wrong premises. We do not accept amongst us, a party of conciliation, a the sentence we have quoted as a true party free from the vehement personal hatreds, the narrowness of view, that characterizes the leaders of the we can discern two well-marked polit- other two parties. Self-interest or supposed self-interest is the guiding impulse of both these parties. The party that we hope to see created and built up, and ultimately triumphant here will be one of statesmanlike principles ready to grasp and to deal effectually with all the social and political Colonies or any other countries that | problems that develop themselves in this conglomerate community. A a constitutional, or to use a better party too of fairness and moderation phrase, a parliamentary government. anxious to bring the two elements which are now in conflict to a better understanding, to impose on them a mutual forbearance, in fact to unite them by making them forget the petty aims with which they now busy themselves, and join hands in a compromise which shall give us an amended constitution, improved statute law, better methods of administration, and more energy for those things which will develop the resources of the country. We know with absolute certainty that there are very many to be found in the ranks of both the existing parties who wish this as much as we do, and we have a confident hope that it will not be long before they are drawn towards one another and begin to work together as a party. "Wanted-a party;" yet, this is the party that is wanted, that is coming, and that will bring with it great well being to this

WE HAVE been taken to task by individuals of both parties for an explanation of the position of political affairs in this country as given in last Tuesday's issue. Neither side is willing to admit the truth of our deduction from the facts that are before our eyes and theirs. We may at some other time devote ourselves to the refutation of the statements, and arguments that have been addressed to us We know they have been advanced in good faith, and are earnestly believed matter has been indulged in, more es- in by those who have had far longer experience in Hawaiian affairs than ourselves. But to all of them-to both sides alike-we would now simply say that it is well for men sometimes to that there are two parties in this land | have the opportunity of seeing themselves as others see them. There is an old proverb which is very applicable to this matter. It tells us that the made up of heterogeneous elements looker-on often sees most of the game. whose political principles run in We claim, in this case, to play the shades from the absolute annexation- part of the looker-on, and, as belongist, who thinks that the millenium ing to neither party, to be in a position for this country lies in its absorbtion to judge better what are their characby the United States of America, to acteristics and tendencies than any the moderate man is disposed to treat | member of either can. We re-affirm, the existing administration with fair- without any hesitation, that the tendness but does not like to sever himself ency of things since 1880, has been to from his every day associates by the formation of two distinct parties avowing so much. At the bottom, here and that the real characteristics however, there is one underlying prin- of these parties are that one is a foreign